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are not in a position to allow those people to enter the island, may I know whether the Government will take their wives and children to the place where they are living at present?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : That will be examined, Sir.

SRI C. H. KANARAN : The Hon. Minister said that those people were dangerous to the island. May I know what is meant by " dangerous ".

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : They were meeting lot of trouble, they were inciting people to work against the very Constitution itself. Their presence in the islands was, therefore, considered dangerous. More than this, I cannot be going on explaining what is meant by " dangerous ".

Trawlers

* 128 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any trawlers have been brought by the Government during the year 1956 for fishing in the deep sea; and

(*b*) if so, the number and cost of each?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Seeds and manure loans to ryots

* 129 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for transferring from Agriculture Department to Revenue Department the powers of granting seeds and manure loans to ryots; and

(*b*) whether the change-over is permanent or temporary?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The work of grant of loans for the purchase of seeds and manures was transferred from Agricultural Department to Revenue Department for the following main reasons :—

(i) Granting of these loans does not need any expert knowledge in agriculture and the machinery in the Revenue Department is better suited to conduct enquiries more thoroughly and to make collections more promptly,

(ii) It is desirable to divest technical officers of the Agricultural Department of normally non-technical work, such as granting of loans so that they can devote more attention to Agricultural extension work.

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(*b*) The change-over has not yet been made permanent. The working of the system for the past one year has been reviewed and as it is satisfactory, it is proposed to continue the system on a permanent basis.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : After the change-over from the Agriculture Department to the Revenue Department, have the Government noticed any improvement in the matter of granting of these loans? May I also know whether the delay that was formerly observed has been removed now?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : According to the report of the Board of Revenue, this experiment has been quite satisfactory. I have been, however, hearing individual complaints from the ryots that this is not as satisfactory as the previous arrangement. Since the answer to this question was drafted, the present Director of Agriculture has also mentioned to me his own view after enquiry at various places, namely, that it would be better to revert to the Agriculture Department. The Government will again go into this question when the report of the Director of Agriculture is received.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Even with regard to the grant of these loans, some expert knowledge is necessary. For instance, the Revenue authorities insist on taking the ammonium sulphate for the whole amount of the loan. If only they had some knowledge of Agriculture, they would not insist on a ryot owning three acres of land to take ammonium sulphate for Rs. 120. This is how the matter is being handled by the Revenue authorities. In view of all these difficulties, may I ask the Government to take immediate steps to retransfer this work to the Agriculture Department?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Government will examine the position and the suggestion given by the hon. Member and take a decision.

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM : As the Revenue authorities require the ryots to walk a long distance to get the loan sanction orders and as a result of this considerable hardship is being caused to the poor ryots, will the Government be pleased to order the concerned authorities to go to the village and give these loan sanction orders to the ryots?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The Government will also look into the suggestion made by the hon. Member.

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : I am definite that the Revenue Department is very much overworked already. Consequent on the transfer of this subject also to the Revenue Department, they will get some more work. So, may I know whether the Government have sanctioned any special staff for taking prompt and systematic action in the matter?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know which department is more overworked than the other. The Government will go into all these aspects and criticisms and then take a decision. Wherever it is found necessary, whether it is in the Revenue Department or in the Agriculture Department, the Government do sanction special staff.

SRI P. SELVARAJ : Since the Revenue Department is expected to attend to multifarious activities, will the Government come forward to open depots in each block for the purpose of supplying seeds and manure?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is a separate question. That is being looked into every now and then.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Consequent on the change-over from the Agriculture Department to the Revenue Department, a lot of difficulties have been caused to the agriculturists. Representations have been made from the Taliparamba National Extension Service Block in this matter. The Revenue Department have selected certain places for the distribution of manure. The National Extension Service Department deduct a certain percentage say, 25 to 40 per cent, from the loan. As the areas for development have not been properly selected, there is lot of difficulty for the agriculturists. They do not get the loan in full. Will the Government see the representations of the agriculturists in the matter and take proper measures to see that the agriculturists got the full loan, part of it as manure and the other part in cash?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to suggest to the hon. Member to prepare a short note in the matter and pass it on to me so that I could look into it and take necessary action.

9-30 a.m. SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is it not a fact that the revenue officials are in a better position to check up facts and assess the work done by the ryots and they cannot be easily cheated as the officials of the Agriculture Department. Therefore, will the Government continue this wholesome practice?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know who is cheated worse and who is cheated better. That is also one aspect of the question taken into account when the decision was taken to entrust that part of the work with the Revenue Department.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : விவசாய இலாகாவில் கடன்கள் கொடுக்கப் பட்டு வந்த போது கூட்டுப்பட்டாதார்களுக்கும் கடன்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்தன. இப்போது ரெவின்யூ இலாகாவிற்கு இந்தப் பொறுப்பை மாற்றிய பிறகு ரெவின்யூ அதிகாரிகள் கூட்டுப்பட்டாக்களுக்குக் கடன் கொடுக்க மறுக்கிறார்கள். மேலும், தக்காவிக் கடன்கள் கொடுக்கும்போது எந்த எந்த முறைகளில் விசாரணை செய்யப்படுமோ அந்தந்த முறைகளையெல்லாம் இந்தக் கடன்கள் கொடுக்கும்போது கையாண்டுவருகிறார்கள் ; அதன் காரணமாக காலதாமதம் ஆகிறது. இந்தக் கஷ்டங்களைப் போக்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : கடன்கள் கொடுப்பதற்கு விசாரணைகள் செய்யும் முறைகளில், எந்த இலாகா கடன்கள் கொடுக்கும பொறுப்பை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டாலும், வித்தியாசம் கிடையாது. கடன்கள் கொடுப்பது சம்பந்தமாக என்ன விதிகள் இருக்கின்றனவோ, அந்த விதிகளுக்கு உட்பட்டுத்தான் கடன்கள் கொடுக்கப்படும்.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : இந்தக் கடன்கள் விவசாய இலாகாவால் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்த காலத்தில், ஒவ்வொரு தாலூகாவிலும் ஒரு இலக்கு அமைக்கப்பட்டு அங்கே விவசாய டெமான்ஸ்டிரேட்டர்களால் கடன்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டுவந்தன. இப்போது ரெவின்யூ இலாகா இந்தக் கடன்களைக் கொடுத்துவருவதில் பல கஷ்டங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. ஆனால் விவசாய டெமான்ஸ்டிரேட்டர்கள் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்றால்; அப்போது தாவரப் பூச்சிகளைக் கொல்வது போன்ற தங்கள் டெக்னிகல் வேலைகளை டெமான்ஸ்டிரேட்டர்கள் சரிவரச் செய்யமுடிவதில்லை. இருந்தாலும்கூட, விவசாய டெமான்ஸ்டிரேட்டர்களுடைய டெக்னிகல் வேலைக்கு இடைஞ்சல் இல்லாமல் விவசாயிகளுக்கும் கடன்கள் சீக்கிரம் கிடைக்கும்படி செய்வதற்காக, டெமான்ஸ்டிரேட்டர்களின் கீழ் சில சிப்பந்திகளை நியமித்து, விவசாய இலாகாவின் மூலமாகவே கடன்கள் கொடுப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government will take into account all the views expressed by hon. Members of this House particularly and they will take a decision by going into all aspects of the matter.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Let the Government take their own time to decide the question whether this work should be handled by the Revenue Department or the Agriculture Department. But the urgent problem is that the ryots are not able to avail themselvse of these loan facilities because the Revenue authorities insist that for the whole loan amount they should take ammonium sulphate or any other manure that is available with the Revenue Department. May I request the Government to issue immediate instructions to the Revenue authorities to grant this loan partly in cash and partly in kind so that the ryots will be left with some amount to get the manure that he particularly needs?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government will look into the matter. They are also anxious that whatever loan is secured by the ryots, is fully utilised for agricultural development and not for private purposes.

SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR : கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள், கடன்கள் கொடுப்பதற்கு முன்பு எப்படி எப்படி யெல்லாம் விசாரணை செய்யப்படுமோ அப்படியெல்லாம் விசாரணை செய்யப்படும் என்று கூறினார்கள். இதுவரை கடன்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்த சமயங்களி லெல்லாம், நிலம் கூட்டுப் பட்டாவாக இருக்கிறதா என்று கவனிக்கப்பட வில்லை ; விண்ணப்பதார் நிலத்தின் சொந்தக்காரரா என்பதுதான் கவனிக் கப்பட்டது. இப்போது நிலம் கூட்டுப் பட்டாவாக இருக்கிறதா என்று விசாரிக்கப்படுகிறது. மேலும் இப்போது நிலக்காரர்களுக்குக் கொடுககப்படும் கடன் தொகை மிகக்குறைவாக இருக்கிறது ; சாகுபடியாளர்களுக்கும் கடன்கள் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று சர்க்கார் யோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது ; சிறிய நிலக்காரர்களுக்கு கடன் கிடைப்பது மிகவும் கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது. ஆகவே அதிகமாகத் தேவையுள்ளவர்களுக்கு அதிகமாகக் கடன் கொடுப்ப தற்காக, ரெவின்யூ இலாகாவுடன் சர்க்கார் பேசி நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அரசாங்கம் இதைப் பற்றி பரிசீலனை செய்து தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும்.

MR. SPEAKER : I am extending the question-time till the rest of the questions are answered as to-day is the last day.

Gramasevaks training

* 130 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any selection of candidates for training for the posts of Gramasevaks at the Gramasevaks' Training Centre at Taliparamba on the 28th, 29th and 30th June 1956;

(*b*) the names of the members of the Selection Board;

(*c*) the number of applications received for this training and the number selected; and

(*d*) the minimum qualifications prescribed for this post?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, on the 28th and 29th June 1956.

(*b*) 1. Additional Development Commissioner.

2. Joint Development Commissioner.

3. Assistant Development Commissioner (Training).

4. Collector of Malabar.

5. Srimathi M. Kuttimalu Amma.

(*c*) Number of applications received 1,065. Number selected 80.

(*d*) Completed S.S.L.C.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : The Hon. Minister has just stated that representation has been given to a particular political party in the Selection Board. In view of that, will the Government consider the desirability of giving representation also to the other political parties or people who are interested in that work?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member would have seen from the answer I have given that only one non-official has been included in that Board. That non-official was appointed not because she represented a particular party but because some non-official interested in the National Extension work was thought of and she was chosen.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is it a fact that the morning and evening beverage of the Gramasevaks at these Centres is only milk and nothing but milk. If so, is the Hon. Minister aware that it is a costly drink in view of the fact that even the God-given water is not available in many parts of the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information, Sir.